

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Remarks Regarding Amendments

In the Specification:

In paragraph [0042], the brief description of Figure 21b incorrectly made reference to structure shown in Figure 2 (e.g. sash frame 114). Figure 21b actually shows structure referenced in Figure 18 (e.g. sash frame 314). Accordingly, reference to "Figure 2" has been corrected to read "Figure 18".

In the Claims:

Claims 18-20 are withdrawn without prejudice to reintroduce this subject matter, for example, in one or more divisional applications. Claims 21-23 are newly submitted herewith.

Remarks Regarding Restriction/Election

The Examiner has requisitioned the Applicant, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121, to elect a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits from two distinct inventions as identified by the Examiner. The Applicant elects Invention I, corresponding to claims 1-17.

Regarding the species restriction, it appears that the two Groups identified by the Examiner (namely, Groups III and IV) are generally distinguished by structure pertaining to the frame assembly 110, shown in Figures 1-16c, and structure pertaining to the frame assembly 310, shown in Figures 17-37 (note amendment to paragraph [0042] submitted herewith in regard to the species of Figures 21b and 21c). With respect, Applicant is not able to understand the reasoning provided by the Examiner as to why the species are distinct, and makes no admission that in the "invention" (presumably species) of Group IV: "the sash can be removed by raising or lowering the sash relative to the frame", while in the

invention (species) of Group III, "the sash can only be removed by raising the sash relative to the frame." Applicant respectfully submits that the teaching disclosed in the application, for example, at paragraphs [0100] – [0102], suggest that the lowering of sash frame 114 can (at least in some examples) be a step in the process for removal of the sash of the species of Group III.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects the species of Group IV. The Examiner has stated that claims 1-11 and 17 are generic. Applicant submits that claims 12-16 read on the elected species of Group IV. Accordingly, claims 1-17 read on the elected species.

Applicant submits that new independent claim 21 includes limitations of claim 1 and former claim 18. New claims 22 and 23 depend from new claim 21. Applicant submits that claims 21-23 read on the elected species.

Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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